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'ROUNDABOUT THE STATE.

Gleaned from Exchanges--Made by the Shears, the Pencil and the Paste Pot--Some Original, Some Credited, and Some Stolen, but Nearly All Interesting Reading.

Old-fashioned shooting matches for beef are still continued in Cape Girardeau county.

A peaceful and law-abiding neighborhood in Jasper county bears the awe inspiring name of "Wild Cat Grove."

John James at Leeton has a steer so large he has to tie it outside. The animal is 5 years old and weighs three thousand pounds.

Seventy years on one farm is the record of a Gentry county man who moved to town only after his home was destroyed by fire.

The Clay county girl who beat the whole school at "ciphering" in a recent contest ought to be a bear at making doughnuts when she grows up.

The sign painter pulls some comic ones now and then. A sign on the front of a building at Jefferson City reads, "clothes repaired in the rear."

A reward of \$100 has been offered for the arrest of E. E. Young, the railroad promoter and general grafter, who recently broke jail at Buffalo.

Oil of high specific gravity has been found in small quantities in Carroll county and Chillicothe business men are planning to invade and drill a test well.

At Columbia a man is on trial charged with having robbed a private bank. The bank was a fruit jar hid in a smokehouse and contained \$1,530, the savings of a Hillsville farmer.

Finding a wolf caught in the barbed wire fence, Mrs. Alice Dryden of Ralls county got a club and beat the animal to death. The county court awarded her a \$10 dollar bounty for the scalp.

After an exchange had horrified its readers by the story of the man who in taking a chew of tobacco bit into a human finger, the story continues that it was the chewer's own digit that was lacerated.

The Glasgow Missourian, relates the story of a beanpod thirty four inches in length and the Boonville Advertiser doubtfully remarks that it doesn't believe the bean pod was really any longer than the story.

This was a very poor straw-berry season in Missouri, yet the Frisco System alone handled 332 cars, worth about \$1,000 per car to the growers. A former citizen of Newton county found out that Missouri berries bring premium prices--up in North Dakota he saw berries from Neesho selling at \$5 per crate.

Governor Major, after inspecting the big farm operated near Joliet, Ill., in connection with the penitentiary expects to recommend to the next general assembly the purchase of 1,000 and perhaps 2,000 acres of land in the river bottoms in Callaway county at the point nearly opposite the Missouri prison. He believes that a large part of the prison population might be given farm work when the final abolition of the contract system drives the factories out of the penitentiary.

W. R. Lake, a rural mail carrier out of LaGrange, won a battle with a buzzard one day last week. The bird, which measured sixty-five inches, from tip to tip, attacked the mail man, who killed it with a buggy whip.

There has been a change in the condition of "Dollar Bill," the negro "bad man" shot a few days ago by an officer at Chillicothe. It at first was thought he would cash in but he took a turn for the worse and will recover.

The sheriff of Cole county has issued orders to the liquor selling clubs at the state capital to close their bars in accordance with the recent decision of the supreme court which declared that it is unlawful for such clubs to dispense liquor.

What the Callao Journal believes is the only floating saw-mill in the world has been installed on a barge in Chariton river. The Chariton runs through some well wooded land and the mill will supply "handle blanks" for a Callao factory.

A hole 14 feet across and 55 feet deep was caused by the earth sinking on S. Turner's farm near Long Lane, Dallas county, recently. In the whole depth no rock is in sight and five feet of water covers the bottom of the "cave in."

One of the larger firms of Ozark apple growers will open at Columbia an exclusive apple store. The enterprise is in the nature of an experiment along co-operative lines and if successful it is planned to open numerous shops of the kind throughout the state next year.

In a portly interpretation of the role of "Manrico" in "Il Taoratore," an empermental tenor in an itinerant opera troupe playing at Columbia drew his sword with such vehemence that the "keen Damascus blade" flew out into the audience, striking a man who already had been stuck for a couple of seats.

County Clerk Taylor of Callaway is authority for the story that a widely known citizen of that county gave the following description of himself when applying for a hunter's license: "Age, 54; height, 5 feet 10 inches; eyes, blue; pigeon toed; weight, 190 pound; attend church regularly; drink beer only; no children or dogs; one cat."

A magician was trying to do the well-known box trick in Harrisonville at his performance. One side of his box was in reality a trap door, its nails being merely dummies but when he was safely in the box he found the trap so swollen by dampness that he could not open it. His assistant had to break open the box and he was nearly suffocated when rescued.

Mrs. Anna Hickman, six miles southwest of Columbia, died the other day, and willed her husband a bed and bedding and the free use of one room as long as he lives, according to the Richmond Missourian. She said in her will that she had supported him for years and that as he received a government pension she was going to quit supporting him as soon as she died.

"You gotta quit kickin' my dawg aroun," is more of a principle than a song with Mose Williams, a Columbia negro, and when Jim Bowles, also a darkey, disregarding the warning, booted Williams pet hound, he was rebuked with a pistol bullet in the leg.

"The last call for seed corn," is the warning sent out today from the State Board of Agriculture. Have you selected your 1915 seed corn in the field? Picking seed corn out of the crib without having seen the stalk is a good deal like falling in love with a girl without ever having sized up her parents and her family history.

Dainty Pearl White of the movies is a Missouri girl, according to the Macon Times-Democrat which says the young woman was born in Clark county, March 4, 1889, and that when 5 years old she played "Little Eva" in a "Tom show." Later she joined a circus, but achieved no particular success until she began posing for motion pictures.

Considering the lilies of the field, a Harrisonville man thought he never had seen so wonderful a flower as that which greeted his eyes from a neighbors yard the other morning. Going closer he discerned that the wonderful blossom was only a bloomless reebush that a cautious housewife, fearful of frost, had covered with an old accordion plated petticoat.

At Jefferson City an election day victim of a Democratic machine was a dog who evidenced Republican sympathies by barking at a motor car used in hauling voters of the opposite faith to the polls. The motorists honked a couple of times but the careless dog heeded not and for his dogged perseverance paid with his life.

The coming winter is to be a mild one, say the goose bone prognosticators. The bone this year shows but one cold snap, and that will come the latter part of the winter. Further more, it has been observed that the slime on the fish is not so heavy and the ears of corn are not so thickly wrapped as they would be if the weather was to be cold.

"You beat me once too often, honey," with these words Mrs. Frances Riley Hogan of St. Louis shot and killed her husband on the front porch steps of their home within view of a score of neighbors who were attracted by the domestic quarrel preceding the shooting. At police headquarters Mrs. Hogan told a story of continued abuse by her husband. "He came home and threatened to beat me as usual. I couldn't stand his brutality any longer, so I told him if he beat me I would shoot him. He said, 'If you do, I'll make you eat the bullet.' I had to shoot to save myself."

Four hundred and eighty one pounds of honey was taken from a single hive recently by E. D. Baird, a farmer two miles east of Hayti. When the young swarm were hived they were put in a large dry goods box, which was found completely filled. This is the largest amount of honey ever taken from a single hive in Pemiscot county and possibly breaks the record for the state. If sold for 10 cents a pound the honey would bring \$48.10, being considerably more than the same weight of lint cotton would sell for. All it cost Mr. Baird to raise this honey was a dry goods box which a merchant gave him to get it hauled out of the way.

Product Shows.

Those who give money to finance Products' shows and the ones who exhibit their produce often overlook the fact that the exhibitor receives benefits other than the cash value of premiums.

The exhibitor must spend much time in collecting and sorting material. It is no easy task to select ten uniform ears of corn from a good field; nor can one take the first peck of potatoes dug and expect to win, but seed selection is a part of the business of the farmer and the work done in getting exhibits ready for the show ought not to be counted as time donated to the show.

The business man who gives five or ten dollars may do so for advertising purposes, but this is an expensive form of advertising. The merchant usually gives because he thinks the community will be benefited. The farmer is as much interested in better production as any one. Southeast Missouri farmers are rapidly getting this idea and many are making liberal donations to the support of such enterprises. Nor does the judge so often hear complaints as formerly when a jar of fruit is opened, a ham cut, or grains removed from a year of corn. The judge knows that property is being destroyed, but this is often necessary to decide which sample is best.

At the State Normal school corn show, at Cape Girardeau, last year considerable fear was felt that farmers would not exhibit since all corn entered was to be sold at auction to help pay expenses. But more corn was entered than in previous years and this feature is being continued in the corn show to be held Jan. 7, 8, 9, 1915.

A Pig For Every Child.

"A pig for every child" will solve more of the farm life problems than the man looking through purely scientific glasses may realize. Secretary Mayes of the state board of agriculture is guilty of coining that homely phrase. He says "Give every child a pig and let that pig belong to that child in fact, not a play pig." The practical pig club in every farm home will buy more ponies and books and new clothes and benzine buggies and send more boys to agricultural college than all other clubs combined. The lad and lassie with money in the bank and a patch of pigs at home is not so anxious to run street cars and limousines and dandle away their lives adown hard streets that lead to no count avenue. The boy who sticks to the hog game is headed down prosperity avenue faster than the one who does not.

There is a rock walled well, 35 feet deep, on the old Chas. Albin place, two miles south of Albany that seems to have peculiar attractions for snakes and Will Hines, tenant there has killed 175 snakes from this well during the past summer. He has a pair of "tongs" which he hooks into the reptiles and then drags them from the well and kills them. In the batch of snakes killed the past summer there have been water-moccasins, vipers, black-snakes, garter snakes and blue-racers, ranging in size from a few inches long to as large as a man's arm. The reptiles have worn some of the rocks smooth crawling over them.

Up to the Moment Bulletin.

The State Board of Agriculture authorizes the DEMOCRAT to announce that the special bulletin on the "Foot and Mouth Disease" is in the press and will be ready for mailing by the time these lines reach the readers of the Democrat today. The Secretary of the board warns farmers and stockmen to avoid shipping nervously. Do not get "panicky." The Missouri situation is well in hand and stock owners will be protected thoroughly. The Board of Agriculture is proud to be able to so promptly furnish correct and reliable information bulletin form at the right moment. If you want a copy write to Jewell Mayes, Secretary, at Columbia, Mo.

The Institute Situation.

The secretary of the Missouri state board of agriculture, announces that owing to the fact that the 1913 legislature appropriated \$5,000 less for farmers institute work than was appropriated in 1911 it will be impossible to fill all requests for meetings between now and January 1. Preference will be given, in the meantime, to counties that have not asked for or have not received institutes during this biennial period. Interest in farmers' institutes and country life meetings is clearly on the increase in Missouri.

Complaints are being made in many sections of North Missouri that wolves are numerous and are killing many sheep and small hogs. Few reports of the ravages on the sheep folds of Livingston county farmers have been made partially for the reason that dozens of young cubs were captured and destroyed early this year while they were quite small. In Randolph, Chariton and Carroll counties the depredations by these animals have been numerous. In the former county farmers claim it is a mystery where the old wolves come from. Having been deprived of their offsprings in Livingston county it is very probable that the parent wolves migrated to a more congenial climate. At the present time farmers are taking every precaution to save their sheep. Lanterns are being hung on the fences at night to keep the wolves away. A preposterous idea is put forth in a Moberly paper that the old wolves once belonged to a traveling managerie and that they had made their escape.

A TEXAS WONDER.

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism, and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. Regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1.00. One small bottle is two months treatment, and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for testimonials from this and other states. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists. 30-32t.

FARMERS MUST BE CAREFUL

Missouri Has No Cause Thus Far to Fear Foot and Mouth Disease, Says Veterinary.

The foot and mouth disease, the most devastating ailment to which cattle are subject, was discussed recently by Dr. A. T. Kinsley, president of the Kansas City Veterinary College and deputy veterinarian for Western Missouri.

"I do not think there is any cause for alarm in Missouri," he said, "but it is best for the farmers to be alert. Since the government has placed a quarantine on Illinois, Pennsylvania, Michigan and Indiana, all that remains for the farmers of Missouri and Kansas to do is to keep a sharp watch out for the appearance of the symptoms."

It is a champing of the jaws or lips that first heralds the appearance of the disease, Dr. Kinsley explained. Soon after the lips become red and swollen, the tongue swells and breaks out with sores and the animal drools from the mouth. At the same time the sores appear above the hoofs of the animal.

The disease is not necessarily a fatal one, but the results are, as it is thought best to kill all affected animals, because there is no cure and because the disease is so contagious the strongest methods to stamp it out are necessary.

The contagion is carried on the wind much as hog cholera is spread. Dr. Kinsley points out, and its dissemination is so rapid that only the most vigorous means are effective. This means to kill and burn all affected animals, to disinfect the premises and barns. If it is an old barn burning it is recommended. If it is newer, a solution of corrosive sublimate sprayed over it inside and out is made.

SAYS LEGISLATURE IS DRY

Anti-Saloon League Claims to Have Figures Showing Liquor in Minority in Missouri.

The next Missouri legislature will be dry, both house and senate, according to information received at the Missouri Anti-Saloon League headquarters in St. Louis. As a result, the league will attempt the passage of a law providing for precinct and ward local option in St. Louis, Kansas City and St. Joseph.

This statement was made by the Rev. W. C. Shupp, state superintendent of the league.

"St. Louis voters saw fit to defeat the County Unit measure, which did not concern them and was desired by all the rest of the state. We will revive the County Unit Bill in the next session of the legislature and I think there is a way by which we can pass a ward and precinct local option bill as an emergency measure, thus exempting it from suspension by referendum petitions."

The returns received on the amendments are still too far from complete to make an estimate of the total vote county unit received. But the 70,000 majority piled up in St. Louis is certain to have defeated the prohibition measure.

Golden Wedding at Carrollton.--Mr. and Mrs. James R. Smart of Carrollton, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary the other day. They are 36 years old and are native Missourians, Democrats and Baptists. Mrs. Smart is the daughter of Asa Cawthron. Mr. Smart is a son of Buckner Smart, among the first settlers of Missouri.

Head Hit a Bluff.--A. O. Brown, 47 years old, an engineer for the Missouri, Kansas & Texas, while on the gangway of the engine looking for a hotbox, was struck on the head by a projecting bluff one mile east of Portland, Mo., and fatally injured.

Is the Lookout.

Guest at Hotel--Must I give something to that fellow over there, too? He hasn't done me any service. Landlord--Pardon me; he calls the hotel staff together when a guest is leaving.--Berlin Man Lacht.

BIG ANNUAL
THANKSGIVING FOOT GAME
BALL GAME
Poplar Bluff H. S. vs. Doniphan H. S.
Big Girl's Basket Ball Game Pocahontas H. S.
vs. Doniphan High School.
At Athletic Park, 2 p. m.
Admission, Adults, 25 Cents; Children, 15 Cents
